

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate manager Tim Bishop and the Avoca All-Star baseball team on winning the Southeast Regional championship.

WHEREAS, with exceptional poise, determination and skill the Avoca ten-year-old All-Star baseball team has made Tennesseans proud, impressively winning the Southeast Regional Tournament; and

WHEREAS, Avoca won the District 1 Tournament, beating Bloomingdale 12-0, host Rogersville 20-2, and losers bracket winner Bloomingdale 12-0 to earn a coveted berth in the Tennessee State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, the talented Avoca team initially finished runner-up at the State Tournament to powerful Music City, by beating Kingsport 9-1, Smyrna 1-0 and Crieve Hall 5-3; and

WHEREAS, when Music City, because of prior traveling arrangements, forfeited the right to be Tennessee state champions, Avoca was declared State Champions and gained the opportunity to play in the fabled Southeast Regional Tournament, held in scenic Alachua, Florida, July 29 through August 2, 1994; and

WHEREAS, featuring the best teams from Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina along with host team Santa Fe, the tournament competition was tough; and

WHEREAS, Avoca won the tournament with victories over Jackson, Mississippi 6-0; Colbert County, Alabama 11-3; Florida State Champions Ocala 1-0; and losers bracket champions Colbert County, in a hard-fought 3-2 game; and

WHEREAS, **Manager Tim Bishop** and his capable staff of **coaches W. C. Bishop, Charles Jennings, Larry Clark** and **Trevor Clark** have done an exemplary job, training young team members to play as a team in only a short time; and

WHEREAS, each player on this memorable squad, **Adam Bishop, Charlie Jennings, Boodle Clark, Terry Carmody, Matt Spangler, Tim Fisher, Justin Ramsey, Michael Shelton, Matt Messer, James Hooton, Wil Pendergrass and Jack Nelson** and batboy **Ross Hartley** has contributed to the success of the team; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to salute the accomplishments of the Avoca All-Stars; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Manager Tim Bishop and the Avoca 10-year Old All-Star baseball team on winning the Southeast Regional Tournament and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.